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**MM39/13 INVESTIGATION OF OPTIONS - NRL WEST TIGERS - The Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio**

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As Mayor, I have been approached by our local member Victor Dominello together with Grant Mayer, Chief Executive Officer, West Tigers requesting that the City of Ryde investigate the feasibility of accommodating the NRL West Tigers at ELS Hall Park and Indoor Sports Centre. A letter from Mr Mayer is **ATTACHED**.

The West Tigers have to relocate from Concord Oval by October 2014 due to the construction of the State Government's West Connect Project.

The request from the Club is for Council to explore options on whether the use of the ELS Hall Park and facility is viable.

The Club has indicated it is very aware of the current usage and demands of the ELS Hall Park and indoor facility. It has also stressed that it is critical for them as a Club to work in partnership with the Ryde community and the existing users of the ELS facility.

Equally the Council staff through the feasibility period will ensure that all existing users and stakeholders requirements and needs are fully considered.

Initial evaluation of the Club's requirements show that there are certainly challenges in Council balancing out these requirements to those of the community, however, it is believed beneficial for this to be undertaken in more detail.

This report is seeking Council and the community to be aware of the approach from West Tigers, however also assuring the community that a full and transparent process will be undertaken. This will also include all financial considerations that will include Council not jeopardising the Commonwealth Government Grant undertakings in ensuring that the facility remains a community facility.

These investigations will be undertaken at minimal cost to Council, apart from the time of key staff in meeting and working with the Club's management. Council should note that if there are any additional costs incurred these will be included in the March Quarterly Review for Council's endorsement.

The Club has indicated that the results of the feasibility investigation of the Club's relocation, needs to be complete by the end of February 2014. The results of this analysis will be reported to Council in March 2014.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**


- (a) That Council support the investigation into the feasibility of the West Tigers Football Club being relocated to the ELS Hall Park and Indoor Sports Centre.
- (b) That Council note that these investigations will be undertaken at minimal cost to Council, with any additional costs being reported to Council in the March Quarterly Review.
- (c) That a further report be provided to Council in March 2014 on the results of the investigations undertaken.
- (d) That all users of ELS Hall Park be advised of this proposal.

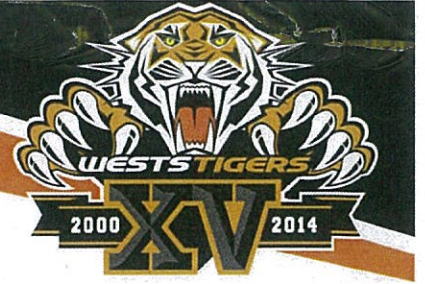
**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Letter - Grant Mayer West Tigers Football Club - ELS Hall Park and Indoor Sports Centre (9 December 2013)

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Dear Mayor,

As discussed at our recent meeting, I would like to formally request the City of Ryde support an investigation into exploring the option of accommodating the relocation of the West Tigers Football Club to ELS Hall Park and Indoor Sports Centre.

As you are aware due to the State Government's West Connect Project, our Club has to move from Concord Oval by October 2014. The Club's relocation would involve all players (approximately 30 players) and the Club's administration staff (approximately 53 staff).

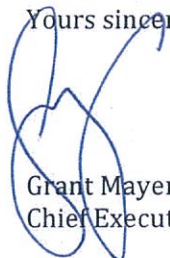
While this is one of a few options being considered by our Club, the move to ELS Hall Park and Indoor Sports Centre has a number of advantages. It is an existing facility built to a high standard that with modifications, could potentially meet our club's requirements together with accommodating the existing users of the park and the facility.

As a Club, we are very conscious in making sure we work close with the local community in making sure our Club is part of the community.

If the investigation outcomes show this is a viable option, I can assure both Council and the community that our Club will work very close with all stakeholders to ensure we work with the community in meeting their requirements and becoming a part of the local community.

I look forward to Council supporting the initial investigations and in working with both Councillors and staff in determining if the utilisation of ELS Hall Park and Indoor Centre is viable.

Yours sincerely,



Grant Mayer  
Chief Executive Officer